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SUBJECT: AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH'S TRIP TO THE U.S.

REF: A. STATE 213534; B. STATE 206361

1. MINISTER ABDULLAH IS SATISFIED WITH THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PROPOSED IN REFTel B, BUT WONDERS WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE TOO TIRING TO MAKE THE DRIVE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES IN ONE DAY. HOW MANY HOURS OF DRIVING TIME ARE INVOLVED? (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE STRETCH FROM CARMEL TO LOS ANGELES MIGHT TAKE TEN HOURS). IF THE TRIP IS INDEED TOO LONG, IS THERE A GOOD, FIRST-CLASS HOTEL EN ROUTE WHERE HIS PARTY COULD TAKE AN OVERNIGHT BREAK? (THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT THEIR SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FROM LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER 11; IT WOULD REDUCE THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE SCHEDULE IN THAT REGION.)

2. AS FOR THE DEPARTURE TIME FROM LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER 11, THE MINISTER WOULD PREFER AN EARLIER FLIGHT -- SUCH AS ONE LEAVING AROUND 9:00 A.M.

3. ABDUL AHAD NASSER-ZIAYEE, WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE PARTY, HAS ASKED CAR-LEASING ARRANGE-

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MENTS ARE BEING HANDLED. HE BELIEVES THAT THE CALIFORNIA HOSTS WOULD BE MORE ABLE THAN THE AFGHAN EMBASSY TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS. WOULD YOU PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH SOME IDEA OF WHAT THE AFGHAN PARTY WILL BE EXPECTED TO COVER IN THE TRANSPORTATION AREA -- AND SEE THAT NASSER-ZIAYEE IS THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ABOUT TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL PAYMENT PROCEDURES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PARTY'S ARRIVAL AT

SAN FRANCISCO? (BY THE WAY, NASSER-ZIAYEE, WHO WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE MFA'S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 10, IS STILL CARRYING HIS PREVIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES AS SECRETARIAT BOSS IN THE MFA. WHEN YOU MEET HIM, YOU WILL SEE WHY; HE IS ONE OF THEIR MOST EFFICIENT -- THEREFORE, OVERWORKED-- OFFICIALS.)

4. SPEAKING OF NASSER-ZIAYEE, HE HAS A PERSONAL REQUEST. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEE HIS BROTHER, RAHIM NASSER ZIAYEE (WHO, UNLIKE ABDUL, DOES NOT HYPHENATE HIS SURNAME), WHO LIVES AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: APT 212, 1440 MOWRY AVENUE, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94536. BECAUSE OF THE TIGHT SCHEDULE, NASSER-ZIAYEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO FREMONT. THEREFORE, HE WONDERS WHETHER HIS BROTHER AND HIS WIFE COULD BE INCLUDED IN SOME ELEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHEDULE. COULD THIS BE ARRANGED?

5. WE ARE HAPPY THAT YOU WILL BE PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT IN SAN FRANCISCO, AS ARE OUR AFGHAN GUESTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU. WILL YOU BE ACCOMPANYING THEM TO LOS ANGELES TOO?

6. SINCE MINISTER ABDULLAH WILL BE DEPARTING FROM KABUL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIM WITH A REASONABLY FINAL SCHEDULE BY THE END OF OUR LOCAL WORKWEEK, SEPTEMBER 14, IF POSSIBLE.
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